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Bear grease to make his  
slaves some of the herbs  
that was used.

Wild Abraham leaves dried  
and made into a tea was  
used for diarrhoea and gout.  
Peppermint used for rheumatism  
and colic in children.

Dill seeds good for nervousness  
and relieved hiccoughs.  
Caraway seed tea good for stomach  
gas.

Oak leaves used for dysentery  
also as a gargle for sore throat.

Elderberries used for kidney trouble.

Dandelion tea used for laxative.

Flax seed was used for poultices  
for pain.

Hops was also used for poultices  
and taken as a tea for sleep.  
Fox glove and poppy is where  
we get Digitalis from Fox glove used  
for heart trouble, the leaves could  
be used to stop bleeding.

Poppy is where we get opium  
and morphine + paregoric.  
They had to be used with care.



Flax seed was used to make poultices applied to boil abscesses and was also used in pneumonia and pleurisy.

Dandelion tea was used for lapative for kidney trouble and liver.

Rosemary was used in hair lotions also the tea is used for rheumatism

Chamomile was given for fever, gas in stomach for colds + bronchitis.

Common Dill - make tea for nervousness and is good for colic in children and relieves hiccoughs.

Bark of oak tree - make tea for diarrhoea, also for gargle for sore throat.

Fox glove is used to make digitalis used for heart trouble.

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